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Pious Instructor :
OR

Heavenly Warning-Piece.

Being a T O K E N for Y O U T H.

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All you that peruse this little pious and perfect Book, and don't think it worth so small a, Price as one Penny, are desired to keep it clean till call'd for.

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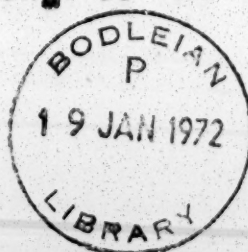
Pious Instructor &c.

CONTAINING,

- I. Advice to Arm Young People, of both Sexes against bad Company, which is the Forerunner of Destruction,
- II. Advice to Arm Young People, against Disobedience to their Parents.
- III. The Blessing of GOD to all such as do Honour and obey their Parents.
- IV. The happy Reward of such as obey GOD's Commandment, and keep Holy the Sabbath.
- V. A Caution to all People how they draw the Curse of GOD upon them, by wronging the Widows & Fatherless, & Oppressing the Poor
- VI. The great Reason why so many Children come to ill Ends, by the Fault of their Parents in not bringing them up in the fear of GOD.

LET a gracious Person when he delayed coming out of *Sodom*, the Angel of the LORD bid him flee for his Life least he was immediately destroy'd, *Gen*, xix. 17.

MOSES, who was so tender of GOD's Children, commands them to stand off the Tents of those wicked Men, *Cora*, *Datham*, and *Abraham*, and not to touch any Thing that belonged to them; and they was destroyed.—See how dangerous it is to touch any Thing that belongs to the Wicked, *Numb*, xxvi. 26.



JEHOSOPHAT, a gracious King (as we read in the bible) his keeping Company and helping wicked *Abab*, had like to have cost him his Life, had he not cry'd out unto the LORD and the LORD help'd him. Have a care how you keep bad Company? let this great King be always in your Mind, 2 *Chron.* xviii. 19. &c. You cannot keep God's Commandments if You keep any bad Company.

ABRAHAM, would not stay long in a Place where the People were wicked. Read the 7th Psalm often, and be advised, as You value the good of Your Souls to take Care both in Youth and Age how You are too familiar with bad Company.

Remember it is the Confession of poor Criminals who end their Lives at the Gallows First, Sabbath-breaking, Secondly Disobedient to their Parents. And Thirdly, bad Company, occasioned their Ruin. How many Tears has been shed by Parents at the untimely End of their Children, and which would have been prevented had they kept not bad Company. *Prov.* iii. 23. If You resolve to keep bad Company, and will not harken to the Word of God, the Voice of Your Conscience, in the End, will prove Your Ruin and Destruction, and God's Judgment will always be at Your Heels.

There is another wicked child with a sad Mark, tis Esau-- Jacob got his Father's blessing, and Esau lost it. *Gen xxvii. 35.*

Read this, poor children, that yet so slight a price on the blessing of Your Parents *Hab. ii. 16, 17.* Esau is call'd a profane Person he fought for the blessing of God; but God has set a mark on wicked children there is no blessing of God belongs to them. The fifth commandment is, Honour thy Father and thy Mother. King Solomon gloried that he had his Fathers blessing.

Have a care, all poor Children, not to have any Mark on you, to be in the number of wicked children *Prov xxx. 17.* The eye of that wicked child that mocks his Father or Mother, the ravens and eagles shall peck it out (that is, God's dreadful Judgement shall follow them, that nothing they do shall prosper. *Mt. xv. 4.* The Lord Jesus commands children to honour there Father and Mother that their Days may be long: He that curses his Father and Mother shall die for it. St Paul commands children to obey their Parents in all things that are right for that is well pleasing to the Lord, *Col. iii. 12.* A child that sets slight by his Father or Mother, is marked by God himself, to be cursed child, *Deut. xvi. 18.* The stubborn Child is call'd there, by God himself, a Rebel? and

and God commands this child to be brought out and stoned to Death- None are put to such Death as Rebels are

The child that curses his Father or Mother, shall be put to Death. Remember *Eli's* children——they wear cut off Root and Branch. All wicked and ungodly wretches take care, if you love your poor Souls, not to be disobedient to your Parents.

Children notwithstanding their being born in a great Family, who are wicked to their Parents certainly will come to untimely ends Prov. xx. 23 The Child that curses his Father or Mother, his Lamp shall be put out in obscure place, that is, he shall come to an untimely End.

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The following are LESSONS for all gracious
CHILDREN.

Follow the steps, and pay obedience to your good Parents.——Whatever else goes undone, be sure to secure the blessing of your Parents, for our Lord and Saviour, whose precious Blood was shed upon the Cross to redeem us, worthless Mortals! from everlasting Damnation, he was obedient to his Earthly Parent,——Read *Luke, ii. 5*

Now consider, That God is Father to the Fatherless, and Judge of the Widow's case

Almighty God has promised to be a Father to the Fatherless and judge of the Widows case, have you lost a Father, trust in God & he will not forsake you, have you lost a husband: have Faith, and you'll have a Friend in heaven, who will mend your condition, *Psalms lxxviii, 5.* have a care how you wrong the Widow and Fatherless, some dreadfull Judgment shall fall on them *Deut, xvi 9.* What care doth God take of the Fatherless the Widow and the Stranger! Wrong not the Fatherless nor the stranger, *Jer v. 28.* If you are guilty of oppressing them, some heavy Judgment, undoubted will fall on you, From which good Lord Deliver us.

Love as brethren fear God honour the King.

VERSES for CHILDREN to LEARN,

I Must pray betw Night and Day,
 Before I eat, I must intreat,
 Of God to bless my present Meat,
 I must not Play on Sabbath Day,
 But I must hear Gods word with fear,
 I must forbear vain Oaths to Swear,
 'Tis profane, Gods Name to take in vain,
 It is a Sin to steal any Thing,
 It is better for us to be Poor,
 And beg our bread from Door to Door,
 Then steal it from our Neighbours store,
 I must work, and I must pray,
 And God will feed me Day by Day.

God who hath hated Idleness,
 Will honest labours always bless,
 My King, Governors, Superiors all.
 Next God obey I ever shall,
 To them I must my Duty pay,
 For them I must for ever pray,
 I must not be rude nor wild,
 Nor act like a fustian wanton Child
 I must sing no wanton Songs,
 Forget I out my Neighbours wrongs,
 I must speak of no man ill,
 But to all bear a free good will,
 I'd better die than tell a lye,
 I must not Sin the world to woe,
 If my tongue does here Rebel,
 Burnt it must be in dismal hell,
 On the Scriptures I must always feed,
 And trust in Jesus Christ, our Lord indeed.
 Christ alone our Soules can save,
 And Raise our bodies from the Grave,
 Lord grant that I in faith may Dye,
 And live with Christ eternally,

SAYINGS for CHILDREN to Learn.

Remember thy Creator in the Days
 of thy Youth, and he will Re-
 member thee in thy old Age.

Praying is better than Playing, and
 Grace is better than Gold.

Mothers love Young Children, and
 Christ loves Young Saints.

Singing of PSALMS is better than
singing of SONGS.

It is better not to live in the World,
than to live without God in the World.

One Day in GODS Court is better
than a Thousand else where.

If I draw nigh to GOD, he will draw
nigh to me. — GOD'S Presence makes
Heaven, and his Absence makes Hell.

In Christ is a Poor Sinner's Hope, and
in his Blood is a Soul's Ransome. — To
have a Portion in the World is a Mercy,
but to have the World for Portion, is
Mifery,

An Interest in Christ is the greatest
Gain.

The Love of GOD is sweeter than
Wine, and better than Life.

Grace before MEAT.

SANCTIFY, O Lord these thy good Crea-
ture, to our Use and us to the Use of
them, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Grace after MEAT.

WE return thee, O Lord God, our
most humble and hearty Thanks
for these and all other thy Blessings
bestow'd upon us, through Jesus Christ
our Lord Amen.

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